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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections -35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected claim 22 as being anticipated by Chen. Claim 22 is cancelled and the rejection is traversed.

Allowable Subject Matter

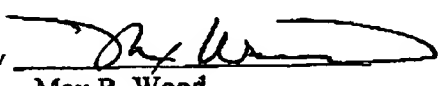
Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-21 and 28-32.

Claims 23-27 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 23 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of cancelled claim 22. The objection to claims 23-27 is thereby traversed.

In view of the cancellation of claim 22 and the amendment of claim 23, and for reasons set forth above, claims 1-21 and 23-32 which remain pending in this application are deemed to be in a condition for immediate allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance are requested.

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